

**MINUTES**  
**Standardization Committee**  
**Friday, February 13, 2004**

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Chandler-Axelrod, Karen, WOCN, Nursing  
Curnow, Elizabeth, HES  
Ennis, Bob, BIOMED  
Fahey, Barbara, RN, MMD  
Feigenbaum, Kathy, RN, Nsg.

Goldspiel, Barry, RPh, Pharmacy  
Kessinger, Theresa  
Lang, David, MD, Peds.  
Price, Mary, RN, Nursing

**Guests**

Calamuci, Steve, PVCS, Nursing  
Gutierrez, Deb, PVCS, Nursing

Malavakis, Thanos, CHS, MMD

**Excused**

Balog, Stephen  
Eldridge, Larry  
Peduzzi, Teresa

Taylor, Jerry  
Woolery, Myra

**Minutes of December 2003 – Approved**

**COST IMPLICATION REPORTS:** As an FYI, reports were distributed on recently approved items: GemStar Lifeshield Piggyback Set, Apheresis Red Cell (RBC/RBX) Set, Blake Connectors & Drain, Universal Microtainer Kit, Shinobi Guidewire .014X300cm, William Right Diagnostic 6Fr Catheter.

**CRC MidMark Dressing Nook:** As an FYI, information was distributed on the Ritter 344 Dressing Nook that will be used in the CRC. The Nook is not a dressing room but a way to enhance patient privacy when a patient needs to change clothes in an exam room. When the patient is using the Nook, there are spring-loaded hinges that keep the Nook open. When it is closed, the Nook has room to hold a purse, shoes, and the Nook has a double hook to neatly hang clothes. It is available in six colors, and mounts on any wall with four hanging brackets. It looks like a door, and is only about 7" deep when the door is closed, but it contains a full-length mirror and room for a chair. The 63" height of the Nook should accommodate all patients who may use it.

**GEMSTAR ABULATORY PUMP IMPLEMENTATION STATUS:** Re-implementation began 02-09-04. Six ORS have been filed to date. MMD, Nursing Education, Pharmacy, and Abbott Specialists are conducting detailed investigation of each ORS. No major implementation problems have been identified at this time.

**DTM INVENTORY REQUEST:** This item is deferred to a future meeting.

**SAGE PERINEAL WIPES WITH ZINC OXIDE:** Subsequent to consideration of Committee comments from a past meeting, WOCN removed this item from Committee consideration.

**KENDALL A-V IMPULSE SYSTEM:** This evaluation began November 2002. No candidate patients were identified through November 2003. Due to absence of ability to evaluate the System, this item is removed from Committee consideration.

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**LATEX-FREE CART RECOMMENDATION:** Mr. Malavakis and Ms. Chandler-Axelrod reviewed the history of the MMD CHS-issued latex-free cart. The cart was created in the late 1980s when latex sensitivity/allergies were first reported. The cart was continued after the early 1990s when legislation mandated prominent and clear labeling of all medical/surgical supplies/equipment containing latex. The component parts for the cart expanded as the CC inventory replaced more and more latex items with latex-free items. The cart now constitutes a safety hazard by the space it occupies in hallways and because it contains syringes and needles that are not locked. Mr. Malavakis and Ms. Chandler-Axelrod noted that the majority of CHS-issued medical/surgical supplies/equipment are latex-free; the CHS-issued items that do contain latex are clearly labeled per legal mandate, and recommended discontinuation of the MMD CHS latex-free cart. After some discussion, the motion was made, seconded and approved that NCPS' Clinical Practice Committee consider the Standardization Committee recommendation that the MMD CHS latex-free cart be discontinued and that signage be developed that indicates a patient may have a latex sensitivity or allergy. Ms. Chandler-Axelrod will follow up with CPC.

**Centurion Sorbaview IV Dressing Trial:** Mr. Calamuci and Ms. Gutierrez requested approval to trial Centurion Sorbaview IV Dressing, 3"X5", for all central lines on 13OCC, 13W, 12E/TU, 2W/BMT for an estimated two month period. Mr. Calamuci and Ms. Gutierrez explained that some OpSite does adhere to all skin, and some patients have skin sensitivity to OpSite. Sorbaview has a cloth tape border that may be more gentle than OpSite and less prone to cause skin sensitivity. Sorbaview would be evaluated as an alternative to, and not a replacement for OpSite. The PVCS team will coordinate the evaluation, to include staff education and data collection. Sorbaview is used exactly the same as OpSite is used; there is not change to clinical practice, procedure or policy. The motion was made, seconded, and approved for an evaluation of Sorbaview.

**ALLEVYN FOAM DRESSING—PROPOSED REPLACEMENT PRODUCT:** Ms. Chandler-Axelrod stated that a superior product to the current Allevyn foam dressing is available. Allevyn is associated with prolonged wound healing, and poor absorbancy. WOCN has been using Biatain Adhesive Foam Dressing in place of Allevyn and has noted better skin integrity and healing outcomes. Based on WOCN expertise and use of both Biatain and Allevyn, the motion was made, seconded and approved to replace Allevyn with Biatain. MMD Nurse Consult Service will coordinate with WOCN and Allevyn user areas to ensure a smooth and expeditious product replacement.

**HOTLINE FLUID WARMER:** Hotline fluid warmer procedures have been finalized. Education and training have been provided to staff who are using hotline fluid warmers. Implementation of this system is complete.

**VISUAL SUPPLY CATALOG:** A handout was distributed about MIS Specialty Screens inactivation 02-16-2004 and activation of the Visual Supply Catalog search engine (supply catalogs) and specialty screens (derived from MIS specialty screens). The Committee recommended distribution of a Product Update on this topic by COB 02-13-2004.

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**TEMPORAL ARTERY THERMOMETER:** The Committee requested a summary at the next Standardization Committee meeting of the temporal artery thermometer pilot on 2J/10D and a summary of the 6-month evaluation on select PCUs. Currently there are three distinct non-invasive temperature systems utilized at the CC. Lack of standardization is confusing.

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**Next Meeting:**

**Friday, March 12, 2004 @ 11:00am in the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Clinic Conference Room, 11C-401.**